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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
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RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Attached for filing in the referenced proceeding is a letter addressed to the Chairman and Commissioners.

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Charter and INSP have a long-standing and successful relationship. In our experience, Charter has been pro-active in its support of wholesome entertainment and value-based content, and has demonstrated this commitment by adding INSP in systems throughout the country. At present, INSP is available in approximately 3.4 million homes served by Charter. From our perspective Charter has not only supported the entrepreneurial spirit but also the important role media has on influencing Americans with family values.

In contrast, some other major MVPDs have been less than cooperative. They frequently display reluctance and even opposition to independent networks like INSP, and are dismissive of the

importance of family-oriented content. We urge the Commission to remain vigilant concerning the unfair and discriminatory practices of those distributors, as they pose a threat to the survival and growth of independent networks. But Charter, by contrast, consistently has treated INSP fairly and reasonably, and has rightfully gained the reputation as a leading supporter of independent programming for which there is an audience.

Some concern has been expressed that the merger of Charter and Time Warner will result in too much concentration of control, which in turn will stifle innovation and hurt consumers. However, based on our extensive experience in working with Charter we feel that such fears are without merit.

In short, we believe Charter's merger with Time Warner Cable will be a great development for independent networks, our industry and the American viewing public. Charter has clearly earned its leadership position and the respect of INSP and others throughout the industry for its commitment to serve the best interest of their, and our consumers. We believe Charter will continue to set the standard after its merger with Time Warner Cable is finalized.

It is for all of these reasons that we are confident the proposed merger will serve the public interest and that we voice our unequivocal support for its approval.

We would be happy to answer any questions the Commission might have about this matter, or help in any other way.

Sincerely,



David Cerullo  
Chairman & CEO